

ACADEMIC STANDING,

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OF

MR. JOHN SQUAIR, B.A.,

Fellow of University College,

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Standing of JOHN SQUAIR, in 'UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, and in the UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO. 1879-80.

JUNIOR MATRICULATION. June, 1879.

MATHEMATICS,	-	FIRST Class Honors.
ENGLISH,	- - -	FIRST Class Honors.
FRENCH,	-	4th in FIRST CLASS HONORS.
GERMAN,	-	3rd in FIRST CLASS HONORS.
CLASSICS,	-	4th in FIRST Class Honors.
HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY,		4th in Second Class Honors.

PRIZE:—MACDONALD BURSARY.

SCHOLARSHIP:—3rd Proficiency.

NOTE.—Being over 23 years of age Mr. Squair was unable to hold the scholarship.

FIRST YEAR, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.
1879-80.

MICHAELMAS. 1879.

ENGLISH,	-	4th in FIRST Class Honors.
FRENCH,	- -	1st in FIRST CLASS HONORS.
GERMAN,	-	1st in FIRST CLASS HONORS.
CLASSICS,	- -	1st in Second Class Honors.

EASTER, 1880.

CLASSICS,	-	1st in Second Class Honors.
ENGLISH,	-	4th in Second Class Honors.
FRENCH,	-	1st in FIRST CLASS HONORS.
GERMAN,	-	1st in FIRST CLASS HONORS.

PRIZES:—FRENCH AND GERMAN,
MACDONALD BURSARY.

NOTE.—Owing to a severe illness Mr. Squair did not take the University examinations in May, 1880.

SECOND YEAR, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.
1880—81.

MICHAELMAS. 1880.

FRENCH,	-	1st in FIRST CLASS HONORS.
GERMAN,	-	1st in FIRST CLASS HONORS.
METAPHYSICS,	-	FIRST Class Honors.
LOGIC,	-	FIRST Class Honors.

EASTER, 1881.

ENGLISH,	-	1st in FIRST Class Honors.
HISTORY,	-	1st in FIRST Class Honors.
FRENCH,	-	1st in FIRST CLASS HONORS.
GERMAN,	-	1st in FIRST CLASS HONORS.

PRIZES:—FRENCH PROSE, (all the years), HISTORY, ENGLISH,
FRENCH and GERMAN.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, 1881.

ENGLISH,	-	2nd in FIRST Class Honors.
HISTORY,	-	4th in FIRST Class Honors.
FRENCH,	-	1st in FIRST CLASS HONORS.
GERMAN,	-	1st in FIRST CLASS HONORS.

SCHOLARSHIP:—MODERN LANGUAGES.

THIRD YEAR, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.
1881-82.

NOTE.—There was no MICHAELMAS examination in 1881.

EASTER, 1881.

ENGLISH.	-	5th in FIRST Class Honors.
HISTORY.	- -	1st in FIRST Class Honors.
FRENCH,	-	1st in FIRST CLASS HONORS.
GERMAN,	- -	1st in FIRST CLASS HONORS.
ITALIAN,	-	1st in FIRST CLASS HONORS.

PRIZES:—HISTORY, FRENCH, GERMAN, and ITALIAN.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO. MAY, 1882.

ENGLISH,	-	5th in FIRST Class Honors.
HISTORY,	- -	2nd in FIRST Class Honors.
FRENCH,	-	1st in FIRST CLASS HONORS.
GERMAN,	- -	1st in FIRST CLASS HONORS.
ITALIAN,	-	1st in FIRST CLASS HONORS.

PRIZES:—FRENCH PROSE (all the years), and GERMAN PROSE (all the years).

SCHOLARSHIP:—MODERN LANGUAGES.

FOURTH YEAR, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.
1882-83.

NOTE.—There was no MICHAELMAS examination in 1882.

EASTER, 1883.

FRENCH,	-	1st in FIRST CLASS HONORS.
GERMAN,	- -	1st in FIRST CLASS HONORS.
ITALIAN,	-	1st in FIRST CLASS HONORS.

PRIZES:—FRENCH PROSE (all the years), GERMAN PROSE, (all the years), FRENCH, GERMAN and ITALIAN.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO. MAY, 1883.

ENGLISH, - 1st in FIRST CLASS HONORS.
 ETHNOLOGY, - 1st in FIRST CLASS HONORS.
 FRENCH, - 1st in FIRST CLASS HONORS.
 GERMAN, - - 1st in FIRST CLASS HONORS.
 ITALIAN, - 1st in FIRST CLASS HONORS.

PRIZES:—FRENCH PROSE (all the years), and GERMAN PROSE (all the years).

GOLD MEDAL in MODERN LANGUAGES. and

Appointed "FELLOW OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE," in FRENCH and GERMAN, JUNE, 1883.

ALFRED BAKER,

Registrar to University & College,

MR. SQUAIR was Vice-President of University College Literary and Scientific Society, 1880—81.

MR. SQUAIR was one of the founders of the Modern Language Club of University College. He was President during the first two years of its existence.

MR. SQUAIR holds a certificate of qualification as Head Master of a High School, or Collegiate Institute in the Province of Ontario.

Certificates showing Mr. Squair's ability to speak French and German.

SANDWICH, 6 Octobre, 1883.

Je, soussigné, ancien Professeur de la langue française, à Angoulême, France, pendant dix ans; ancien Instituteur dans le

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Comté d'Essex, Canada, pendant huit ans, certifie, que pendant les années 1879, '80, '81, '82 et 1883, M. J. Squair, étudiant à l'Université de Toronto, est venu annuellement passer ses vacances, chez moi à Sandwich, Ontario, dans le but de pratiquer le langage français, ce qu'il a fait tout le temps, soit avec moi, soit avec ma famille, car on ne parle que le français à la maison; et qu'il a fait des progrès tellement surprenants, qu'il écrit le français correctement, et le parle aussi très-bien sans faire de faute, et sans mauvais accent.

J'ajouterais que M. Squair connaît parfaitement les règles de la grammaire, ce qui lui est d'un grand secours.

En foi de quoi, j'ai délivré le présent pour servir à ce que de droit.

JEAN GIRAUD.

BERLIN, ONTARIO, October, 1883.

HERR J. SQUAIR wurde mehrere Male bei den jährlichen Examinationen der Torontoner Universität von mir in der deutschen Sprache und Literatur geprüft, und freut es mich, bezeugen zu können, dass derselbe alle seine Examinationen in diesem Fach mit hohen Ehren bestanden hat. Seine Uebersetzungen aus dem Deutschen ins Englische und umgekehrt zeugten dafür, dass er sich eine genaue, ins Einzelne gehende Kenntniss der deutschen Grammatik erworben hat und über einen reichen Wortschatz gebietet, während die Aufsätze, die er für mich schrieb, und die Unterhaltungen, die ich im Laufe der Examinationen und bei anderen Gelegenheiten mit ihm hielt, bewiesen, dass ihm die deutsche Sprache nichts mechanisch Angelerntes geblieben ist, sondern dass es ihm gelungen ist--was bei Nicht-Deutschen selten der Fall ist--sich den volksthümlichen Stil anzueignen und sich in den Geist der

sprache hineinzuleben, welchen Erfolg er neben seinen fleissigen Studien vielleicht hauptsächlich dem Umstande zu verdanken, haben mag, dass er vier Jahre hindurch bei einer feingebildeten deutschen Familie wohnte und sich während jener ganzen Zeit auch an den Gottesdiensten in der deutschen Kirche Torontos, deren Pastor ich damals war, betheiligte. Herr Squair spricht die deutsche Sprache fliessend und erfreut sich einer guten Aussprache.

R. VON. PIRCH,

Pastor der Ev. Luth. St. Petri Kirche, Berlin.

Deutscher Examiner an der Torontoner Universität.

Testimony of Mr. Squair's College Professors.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, LIBRARY,

October 11th, 1883.

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the very unusually high attainments of Mr. John Squair, B. A., as a German Scholar. He has attained a practical and theoretical acquaintance hitherto almost unequalled, and certainly never surpassed by any of the pupils whom I have had in training during the last seventeen years, while occupying my present position as German Lecturer in University College, and is really the only person (with perhaps a solitary exception), with whom I have met, not of German extraction, and never having been in Germany, that I have known to acquire fluency in writing and speaking that language. This fluency has been attained by diligent practice, and by residence in a German family, whose accent is irreproachable.

I feel certain that any institution which shall secure his services as a teacher will be fortunate indeed.

W. H. VANDER SMISSEN, M. A.

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50 DUKE STREET, TORONTO.

8th Oct., 1883.

I have been intimately acquainted with Mr. J. Squair, B. A. during the last two years of his undergraduate course, and can bear testimony to the fact that he has been a most diligent, attentive and painstaking student. From my intercourse with him I have been able to observe that he does his utmost to obtain a solution of any difficulties that may present themselves to him, and that he spares no pains to acquire a mastery of the various subjects with which he may be engaged; and also that he possesses in a high degree the faculty of assisting others in the same direction.

WM. OLDRIGHT, M. A., M. D.,

Late Italian Lecturer, University College.

Certificates as to Teaching and Executive Ability.

BOWMANVILLE, Oct. 6th 1883.

Mr. John Squair was one of the most successful teachers that ever taught in this county. His teaching was marked with intelligence and enthusiasm, which never failed to develop an unusual amount of life and interest among his pupils. With an experience of fifteen years in inspecting Public Schools and County Model Schools, I know of no teacher whom I would recommend more highly than Mr. Squair.

J. J. TILLEY,

Inspector Public Schools,

DURHAM COUNTY.

MYRTLE, October 9th, 1883.

I cheerfully accord my testimony to the sterling merits of the bearer Mr. John Squair as an exceedingly capable teacher. In tact, energy, aptness, and thoroughness, he is pre-eminently a first class teacher. His method of teaching is well calculated to induce thought. I am convinced that he will honestly endeavor to discharge his duty in any situation in which he may be placed.

JAMES McBRIEN,

I. P. S. Co., Ontario.

PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,

Toronto, October 13th, 1883.

I have much pleasure in stating that I know Mr. John Squair to be a teacher of great ability. His ardent love of study, his accurate scholarship, his wide acquaintance with the philosophy of teaching, his unflagging energy, and his high personal character, must in my opinion, render his success certain in teaching advanced students, such as those attending our Collegiate Institutes and Universities.

JAMES L. HUGHES,

To whom it may concern.

P. S. Inspector.

LINDSAY, October 8th, 1883.

This is to certify that I have been intimately acquainted with Mr. Jno. Squair for many years, and that both as a student and a teacher he has been most successful.

Mr. Squair was for two years a student in the Bowmanville High School while I filled the position of Mathematical Master in that institution. On entering the University he obtained

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high honors and a general proficiency scholarship. He has given close attention to the French and German languages, having spent a considerable time both before matriculation and since, with native Frenchmen and Germans to acquire fluency in speaking these languages. While attending the High School he regularly taught classes in Modern Languages with very great success.

Mr. Squair has carefully studied the science of teaching, and hence in addition to a thorough practical knowledge of his departments, he possesses in an eminent degree the rare faculty of imparting knowledge to others so as to stimulate them to great exertions in their work.

I know of no one whom I could with more confidence recommend to the position of instructor in Modern Languages in connection with any of our higher institutions of learning. I am sure that his sound judgment, thorough scholarship, and indomitable perseverance must in the near future win for him a high place among native Canadian Educators.

W. E. TILLEY, M. A.,

Headmaster High School, LINDSAY.

COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE,

WHITBY, October 5th, 1883.

I have been well acquainted with Mr. John Squair for more than ten years, and know that since he entered upon his University course he has availed himself of every opportunity outside of the regular class work, to add to his knowledge of the French, German and Italian languages. For this reason, and because the standard has been raised of late years in Modern Languages, I believe him to have a more thorough acquaintance with these languages than Honor men of former years at the time of taking their degree. I can also say without hesitation that of all the teachers I have met in an experience of fifteen years gained in different parts of Ontario, no

one has in my opinion, possessed in a higher degree the other qualities which must be added to scholarship in order to ensure success in the profession of teaching.

R. K. ORR, B. A.

BRANTFORD, Oct. 3rd, 1883

I have much pleasure in stating that John Squair, B. A., taught classes in the High School in Bowmanville during the years 1878 and '79, and was most successful in the discharge of his duties. In management, discipline and ability to communicate, I have no hesitation in recommending him for an position for which he may deem himself qualified to apply.

WM. OLIVER, B. A.,

Principal Coll. Institute, BRANTFORD.

BOWMANVILLE, Oct. 10th, 1883

I take very great pleasure in adding my testimony with that of many others, to the excellent qualities of Mr. John Squair, B.A., both as a man and a scholar. I have known him intimately for thirteen years or more, and during that time, he has been noted for his untiring work, and remarkable perseverance as a student, a teacher, and a student again at Toronto University where he took so brilliant a stand, and graduated *facile princeps*, with the highest possible honors.

I may mention, that he, at one time, taught as principal teacher in the Oshawa Public School, and gave great satisfaction to the Board of Education and to me.

Mr. Squair is preeminently a self-made man, and he made his way through school and college, amid great obstacles and no small discouragements. He is, and ever has been, distinguished for his thoroughness and tenacity of purpose, and there is no doubt that he will show the same characteristics wherever he may be.

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Only one feeling exists among the teachers of Durham, his native County and his home, in regard to Mr. Squair: that of respect, admiration and friendship, and they would all rejoice at his appointment to the lectureship which he now seeks in Toronto University, and for which he appears so eminently qualified.

W. W. TAMBLYN, M. A.

Head Master, High School.

COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE,

Toronto, Oct. 8th, 1883.

Mr. John Squair was one of the Vice-Presidents of the University College Literary and Scientific Society during my term of office as President. He was of great assistance to the general Committee and to myself, from both a literary and business point of view.

FRED. F. MANLEY, M. A.

Opinions of Mr. Squair's Honor Class-Mates in Modern Languages.

GALT, Oct. 5th, 1883.

Both as a close acquaintance and a fellow student of Mr. John Squair during the four years of my University course, I have had exceptional advantages for observing and testing the proficiency of that gentleman in Modern Languages; and I unhesitatingly express my confidence in his thorough competency to fill any position in Modern Languages in Canada.

An idiomatic mastery of the French Language, a considerable insight into the internal structure and external relations of that language a comprehensive knowledge of the course of development of its literature from the earliest times; with a thorough proficiency in some of the cognate languages, form combined, rare

but essential qualifications for an instructor in this department.

Mr. Squair possesses the additional recommendation that he has not ceased to be a student, but is an enthusiastic philological investigator.

I wish also to testify to his vigorous manly character, to his ever straightforward dealing with us, his fellow students, throughout the four years of our personal contact.

ROBERT BALMER, B. A.,
Modern Language Master,
GALT COLL. INSTITUTE.

NOTE.--Mr. Balmer was Silver Medallist in Modern Languages in 1883.

TORONTO, Oct. 13th, 1883.

I have known Mr. John Squair, B. A., for the period of four years during which time we were intimately associated as classmates in University College. I can testify to his ability to speak French and German fluently, indeed his proficiency in this respect was such as to make him *facile princeps* of the years. As President of the Modern Language Club he displayed that administrative capacity which insures success in the management of other men.

ARTHUR F. LOBB, B. A.

BRADFORD, Oct. 9th, 1883.

I take great pleasure in expressing my admiration for the many sterling qualities possessed by my friend, Mr. John Squair. He was my classmate during my whole undergraduate career, and for over half the time we were fellow boarders, on terms of great intimacy, so that I had ample time to become thoroughly acquainted with him. His leading characteristics are fearless, out-spoken, manly honesty, and strong practical common-sense. He is very independent and self-reliant; he

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always was, and is still, an earnest and conscientious student. His uncommon force of character, great energy, and the conscientious thoroughness with which he does all that he undertakes, not to speak of his linguistic attainments, make it certain that he would fill any position in Modern Languages, not only successfully but brilliantly.

ARTHUR W. WRIGHT, B. A.,
Modern Language Master,
BRADFORD HIGH SCHOOL.

Hamilton, Oct. 6 th, 1888.

Have much pleasure in saying after four years acquaintance with Mr. Squair at College, that his perseverance, earnestness, love of study, power of thought and manly independence, together with his prior experience, especially qualify him to be a teacher. His attainments particularly in the French and German languages are I believe equal, if not superior to those of any other Graduate of Toronto University. Mr. Squair has been and always will be an indefatigable worker. His power of inspiring all those with whom he comes in contact, to think and work, should especially recommend him, and both as a man and a student Mr. Squair commands the honor and respect of all who know him.

LYMAN LEE, B. A.

PICKERING COLLEGE,

October 11th, 1883.

I have great pleasure in recording in a testimonial my opinion that Mr. Squair is eminently fitted for holding any lectureship in Modern Languages for which he may apply. He has made himself by long and critical practice, master of French conversation. He has acquired a thorough knowledge of the literature, of the history and development, and of the grammar of the Modern Languages. If I were beginning or continuing my studies in French, German or Italian at University College, I should far rather do so under the guidance of an

Englishman who had mastered these languages, than with a Frenchman or an Italian who had learned English. He could understand and teach me better, for my difficulties had once been his.

Besides, I know, from his manner as President of the Modern Language Club, that Mr. Squair possesses rare skill in teaching, and he would not fail to command the admiration and respect of his students, as he did that of his class mates, who, interested no less in the welfare of Modern Languages than out of sympathy with him, warmly recommend him for any position.

E. J. MCINTYRE, B. A.,

Modern Language Master,

PICKERING COLLEGE, PICKERING.

TORONTO, Oct. 12th, 1883.

As I have been intimately associated with Mr. John Squair, B. A., in the study of Modern Languages during the four years of our University course, I have much pleasure in bearing emphatic testimony to his uncommon proficiency in the knowledge of French, German and Italian. A rare natural aptitude for the acquisition of languages has been applied with marked perseverance to thorough mastery of the pronunciation, philology, grammatical construction, and literature of these languages. Mr. Squair has also acquired a remarkable facility of expression in these languages. I have, therefore, the utmost confidence in Mr. Squair's competency to discharge efficiently and satisfactorily the duties of Professor of French and Italian. This confidence is based as much upon my knowledge of Mr. Squair's studious habits, and indomitable application, as upon his present confessedly high attainments. Should he receive the appointment, I feel assured that he will make a record for himself as a teacher of languages that will reflect great credit on our Canadian Alma Mater.

H. HARTLEY DEWART, B. A.,